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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1950

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URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the year ending 31st. December 1950.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health and Mortality of your District during the year 1950.

POPULATION.

The estimated population (as supplied by the County Council) of the District is 11,050, as compared with 11,040 for last year. The population taken at the Census (1931) was 12,028.

AREA

The District extends over an area of 7,855 acres, and is situated on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire, at a height ranging from about 440 to 1,550 feet above sea level.

The climate is somewhat damp, but bracing.

The chief industries - manufacture of cotton, woollen, and artificial silk goods; leather; iron turning and founding.

Density per acre 1.40.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of deaths in the District in 1950 was 164, 79 males and 85 females, which is equivalent to a death rate of 14.8 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The number of births was 174, 84 males and 90 females, which is equivalent to a birth rate of 15.7.

There were 7 still-births, 3 males and 4 females, giving a rate per 1,000 total (Live and Still) births of 39.

The births for the year exceeded the deaths by 10, and the birth rate exceeded the death rate by 0.9; the mean birth rate for the past five years exceeding the mean death rate by 2.6.

For 1949, the birth rate was 16.8, and the death rate 15.1, and the averages for the past five years were :- birth rate 18.2, and the death rate 15.6.

From these figures it will be seen that the birth rate is 1.1 below the previous year, and 2.5 below the average, and the death rate 0.3 below the previous year, and 0.8 below the average.

For further particulars see tables in the Report.

The health visiting is under the supervision of the County Council.

INFANT DEATHS

There have been 8 deaths under one year of age, which is equivalent to a death rate of 46 per 1,000 live births, against 10 deaths and a rate of 54 in 1949, and an average of 58 for the past five years.

From those figures it will be seen that the rate is 8 below the previous year and 12 below the average.

Of the 8 deaths which occurred under one year of age during the year, it is to be noted that 5 of these were under 4 weeks of age.

PHTHISIS DEATH RATE

1950	1949	Average for the past five years.	Total deaths
Nil	0.18	0.27	Nil.

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CANCER DEATH RATE

1950	1949	Average of the past five year	Total Deaths
1.36	1.99	2.15	15

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

1950	1949	Average for the past five years
Nil	Nil	3.04.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

114 Cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year, against 118 in 1949.

	1950.	1949.
Scarlet Fever.	4	21
Diphtheria	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	Nil	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil	Nil
Enteric Fever	Nil	Nil
Acute poliomyelitis	Nil	1.
Puerperal pyrexia	Nil	1.
Acute Pneumonia (primary & influenzal)	1.	1.
Encephalitis Lethargica	Nil.	Nil.
Cerebro-spinal fever	Nil.	Nil.
Smallpox.	Nil	Nil
Whooping Cough	34	14
Measles	44	80
Dysentery	31	Nil.

SCARLET FEVER

4 Cases occurred, three of which were removed to Hospital. There were no deaths.

DIPHTHERIA

No cases.

ERYSIPELAS

No cases.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

No cases.

ENTERIC FEVER

No cases.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS

No cases.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA

No cases.

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA

No cases.

CEREBRO SPINAL FEVER

No cases.

SMALLPOX

No cases.

WHOOPING COUGH

34 Cases, which were spread over the months of January to August (inclusive). There were 2 deaths.

MEASLES

44 Cases, which were spread over the months of July to November (inclusive) There were no deaths.

CHICKEN POX

There were a considerable number of cases during the months of January and February.

MUMPS
Very few cases.

SCABIES
No cases were treated during the year.

INFLUENZA
Prevalent during the months of January, February, March, April November and December and became epidemic in March. There was one death.

DYSENTERY
31 Cases of Sonne Dysentery were notified. They were of a mild character and chiefly occurred amongst children attending the two Nurseries situate in this District.
I am chiefly indebted for information regarding un-notifiable diseases to the School Attendance Officer.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL
On the 15th May, 1950, the Isolation Hospital situate at Hollingworth in this District ceased to be an Isolation Hospital. Since that date all patients suffering from Infectious Diseases and requiring hospital treatment, have been removed to the Marland Infectious Diseases Hospital, Bolton Road. Rochdale.

TUBERCULOSIS
There were no deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, or non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, against two deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and none from non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis in 1949.
There were 24 notifications, 7 of which were new cases and 14 duplicate notifications which were chiefly notifications of admission and discharge of patients at Sanatoria.
The occupations of the new cases were as follows:- Soap Works, operative 1, Nurse 1, Scavenger 1, Baker 1, Household Duties 1, At school 1, and pre-school age 1.
In accordance with the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1930, a Register is kept of all cases notified and a quarterly statement forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health, showing all admissions to and removals from the Register and the cause of such removals.
The number of Tuberculous persons in the District at the beginning of the year was 48, 25 Pulmonary and 23 Non-Pulmonary, 7 cases have been notified for the first time, 4 Pulmonary and 3 non-Pulmonary; and 7 cases - 1 Pulmonary and 6 non-pulmonary have been removed from the Register, leaving a total of 48 at the end of theyear - 28 Pulmonary and 20 nonPulmonary. Of the 7 cases removed from the Register, 4 have removed out of the District, and 3 have been notified as "Disease arrested".
By arrangements with the Registrar, deaths from Tuberculosis and other Infectious Diseases are notified on registration so as to facilitate the disinfection of houses where deaths have occurred.

DISINFECTION
12 Houses and 103 articles of bedding and clothing etc, were disinfected during the year. 3 Notices have been sent to Schoolmasters or Sunday School Secretaries informing them of children suffering from or after recovery from Infectious Diseases and prohibiting them and other children from the same house attending school.

HOUSING
During the year, 20 of the 26 additional houses being erected on the private estate at Schore were completed. In addition, 2 privately owned Houses have been made into 4. At the end of the year 43 houses were in course of erection, 40 on the Little Clegg Road Housing Estate, and the remaining 6 on the private Housing Estate at Schore.
8 Houses were remedied from overcrowding, and at the end of the year 5 houses were known to be overcrowded in the number of persons occupying same.
This overcrowding is chiefly due to either the shortage of

houses, or to the inability or unwillingness of families to pay the increased rents of new houses which are being erected.

Defects remedied:-

Drains provided or reconstructed.	71
Drains opened, cleansed or repaired.	22
Inspection chambers provided.	8
Ventilating shafts provided.	8
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drain.	4
Rainwater pipes repaired	5
Gullies provided	16
Eavestroughing repaired	9
Windows repaired	2
Pointing and brickwork repaired	2
Floor repaired	1
Water pipe repaired or renewed	1
Corporation water provided	2
Waste sink provided	1
Baths provided	11
Wash basins provided	9
Closets repaired	5
Ash-places repaired	2
Pail closets converted to water closets	25
Pail closets abolished	1
Waste water closets converted to water closets	20
Additional water closets provided	21
Ashbins renewed	85
Ashbins provided	20
Ashtubs abolished	19

INHABITED HOUSES

The number of houses used or intended to be used for habitation at the Census in April 1931, was 3,561. Since then 366 new houses have been occupied. 22 New houses were occupied during the year, all by private enterprise. During the year there has been a loss of 7 houses; 4 "Back-to-back" or houses "not through" were converted into 2 "through" houses, and 5 houses have been demolished or ceased to be occupied as unfit for human habitation.

WATER SUPPLY

The District generally is supplied with water by Rochdale Corporation. The supply has been satisfactory. A number of houses in the District are supplied with water from private supplies, which in some cases are not as satisfactory as could be desired. 2 Houses have been provided with corporation water during the year, in lieu of existing private supplies.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS 1949.

Under the above Regulations, a local authority is no longer concerned with production of milk on the farm, this being the function of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The local authority, however, retains responsibility for those provisions which apply outside dairy farms, for the provisions relating to diseases communicated to man and for the registration of dairies which are not dairy farms and of dairymen or distributors of milk who are not dairy farmers.

During the year 23 Distributors have been registered under these Regulations. 2 Dealers' Licences have been issued for the distribution of "Tuberculin Tested" milk and 26 licences have bee issued to Retail distributors in respect of "Pasteurised" or "Sterilised" milk.

Samples of milk for analysis under the Food and Drugs Act are taken by the County Council.

The supply has been sufficient.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There is only one in the District which has been regularly inspected.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are 3 - 1 fellmonger, 1 glue maker and 1 soap boiler. All have been inspected and found satisfactory.

SCAVENGING

During the year the night-soil which has been collected has been emptied direct into the Sewer at a convenient part of the District. The house refuse has been taken to the Tip at Hollingworth.

SALVAGE

During the year this work has been continued, and the following has been collected and disposed of:-

	Tons	cwts.	Qtrs.
Paper	33	4	2
Kitchen Waste	76	9	3
Textiles		11	0
Bones	2	3	1
	112	8	2

The raw kitchen waste is taken to the Rochdale Corporation Cleansing Department for processing, and after it has been done, 43 Tons 11¼ cwts. have been sold to Farmers and Poultry Dealers in the District.

CLOSET AND ASHPLACE ACCOMMODATION

There are now 3091 Water Closets, 416 Pail Closets, and 291 Waste Water Closets, 55 Ashtubs are housed in ashplaces with doors and coverings and there are 2,815 Ashbins.

During the year:-

25 Pail Closets converted to Water Closets.
1 Pail Closet abolished.
20 Waste Water Closets converted to Water Closets
21 Water Closets (additional) have been provided.
19 Ashtubs have been abolished.
20 Ashbins have been provided.

SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE

The sewage is treated at the Sewage Works by Precipitation and Filtration. 1 Sample of the effluent was taken and the result was classified as "border line".

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

This Act came into force on the 1st April 1950, and is operated by Local Authorities.

From that date to the end of the year 10 treatments were carried out, 7 for Rats and 3 for Mice. Of the treatments carried out for Rats, 3 were found to be "major" infestations. Maintenace treatments of the sewers in the District were carried out during the months of May and November. In one "major" infestation at a Storage Warehouse, the investigations into this infestation led one to believe that the source of infestation was outside the District, as this infestation occurred after the delivery of a large consignment of a food product which had come from the Docks.

There has been no need for a co-operative working during the year with contiguous Local Authorities and with County Agricultural Executive Committees.

FACTORIES ACT 1937

There are 94 Factories with mechanical Power and 14 Factories without Mechanical Power on the Register. On inspection of these premises a reasonable standard has been found to obtain in respect to sections 1 to 4, and 6 and 7 of the Act.

During the year the Sanitary accommodation at 6 Factories has been improved by the conversion of the existing pail closets to closets on the water carriage system, or the erection of additional water closets.

SMOKE

12 observations, each of half hour's duration have been made of smoke emitted from factory chimneys, none of which exceeded the time limit allowed by the Council - two minutes in the half hour.

PETROLEUM ACTS

During the year 27 licences were granted or renewed under the above Acts.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen ,

Yours obediently,

J. T. R. MACGILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

12th July 1951

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

SUMMARY embodying particulars required by the Ministry of Health Circular 112/50, dated 6th December 1950, to be included in the

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the year 1950.

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1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres 7,855 Population - Census 1931 - 12,028.

Registrar-General's estimate of Population, mid-1950. 11,050.

Number of inhabited houses -(a) Census 1931, 3,561
(b) end of 1950 according to rate books. 3,820.

Rateable value £65,204 Sum represented by a penny rate £ 256 - 16 - 9d.

Socail conditions, including the chief industries carried on in the area. - Good. The manufactire of Cotton, Woollen, Artificial Silk Goods, Leather, Iron Turning and Founding.

VITAL STATISTICS

		Total	M.	F.
Live Births.	Legitimate	162	78	84
	Illegitimate	12	6	6
	Total	174	84	90
Stillbirths		7	3	4
Deaths		164	79	85

Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1950.
Crude 15.7
Adjusted 15.9

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.
..... 39.

Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1950.
Crude.....14.8
Adjusted.....14.5

Maternal mortality:-

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion ... ... Nil.

Mortality rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.. Nil.

Death-rate of infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births 46

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 43

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births. 83

POPULATION : 11,050

	Per 1,000 of estimated population				Maternal Mortality Rate		
	Live birth-rate.	Crude death-rate.	Death-rate from Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	Death-rate from Cancer.	Per 1,000 live births	per 1,000 total (live and still) births.	Rate of deaths under one year per 1,000 live births.
Mean of 5 years 1945-1949	18.2	15.6	0.27	2.15	3.15	3.04	53
Year 1949	16.8	15.1	0.18	1.99	Nil	Nil	54
Year 1950	15.7 x	14.8	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	46
Increase or decrease in 1950 on 5 years' average, 1945-49	-2.5	-0.8	-0.27	-	-3.15	- 3.04	-12
Previous year	-1.1	-0.3	-0.18	-	Nil	Nil	-8

x 1950 adjusted death-rate (comparability factor, 0.98) - 14.5 per 1,000
† 1950 adjusted birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.01) - 15.9 per 1,000

Neo-natal mortality:-

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	5
Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	29

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment.

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year.

Any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health.

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2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

Medical Officer of Health	Dr. J. T. R. Mac Gill.
Qualifications and special diplomas	M.B. Ch.B.
Is he a whole or part-time officer of the Local Authority?	Part.
Any other public appointments held by him.	None.
Is he in private practice?	Yes.
Sanitary Inspector:-	H. E. Williamson.
Whole or part-time	Whole.
Other public Health Officers.	None.

Any local legislation (including bye-laws) in force in the district (please give dates):-

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.	January 18th	1888
Common Lodging Houses	April 2nd.	1888
Parks and Pleasure Grounds.	March 4th	1902
New Streets and Buildings (part)	March	1926
Nuisances	March	1906
Cleansing of Footways and Pavements	March	1906
Slaughter Houses	March	1906
Offensive Trades	March	1906
Buildings	August	1938

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47.

No. of applications made during the year under sub-section 3.

None.

No. of Orders made. None.

Comments on operation of the Section. No action necessary.

3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply:- Authority from which supply is obtained.	Rochdale Corporation.
Source of Supply:- (including type, e.g., upland, surface, deep wells etc.,)	Moorland Reservoirs.
Give particulars of any new sources of public supply acquired during the year.	None.
Supplies to houses:- From Public Mains. (a) Direct to Houses.	No. of dwelling houses 3091 No. of population 8942
(b) By means of standpipe	No. of dwelling houses Nil No. of population Nil
From Private supplies, e.g. wells, springs etc.,	No. of dwelling houses 729 No. of population 2108
Has the water supply of the area and of its several parts been satisfactory during the year?	(a) in quality: yes. (b) in quantity: yes.
If piped supply examinations made during the year of - (a) the raw water	Bacteriological examinations No. - None. Results. - Chemical Analyses. No. - None. Results. -
(b) water going into supply where treatment is installed.	Bacteriological examinations No. - None. Results - Chemical Analyses. No. - None. Results. -
Action taken in respect of any form of contamination.	Examinations frequently made by Rochdale Corporation. 1 sample taken of a private supply:- Bacterial test was satisfactory.
Any liability to plumbo-solvent action?	-
If so give facts as to contamination by lead and the precautions taken including number and results of analyses.	Analyses- No. - Results. -
Nature of extensions of water supplies (if any) during the year.	None.

Drainage and Sewerage:-

Give particulars ofsewage disposal works and methods of treatment.	Sewage Disposal Works, Lower Mill, Littleborough. Precipitation and filtration Sludge pressed and disposed of to farmers.
Give details of any new works of sewerage and sewage disposal and of any important additions undertaken during the year.	None.
Areas or townships without proper drainage system and reasons therefor.	Calderbrook and Higher Calderbrook. Part of Shore. Hollingworth Fold, and Rakewood. Outlying parts of District.

Rivers and Streams:-

Sources and nature of any pollution.	None.
Action taken to check the pollution of rivers and streams	Generaloversight is kept over the river.

Closet Accommodation at the end of 1950:-

Privy middens:- No. of Middens.	None
No. of closets attached to these middens.	None
No. of pail closets	416
No. of dry ashpits(excluding middens).	None,
No. of movable ashbins.	2870
No, of trough closets	None
No. of waste water closets	291
No. of fresh water closets	3091
No. of houses on water carriage system	3222

Conversions during 1950:-

No. of privy closets	To fresh w.c.'s	Nil
	to waste w.c.'s.	Nil
	To pails, etc.,	Nil.
No. of pail closets	To fresh w.c.'s	25
	To waste w.c.'s	Nil.

No. of trough closets to fresh w.c.'s	Nil.
No. of waste w.c.'s to fresh w.c.'s	20
No. of houses at which movable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles.	Nil.

Public Cleansing:-

Give brief particulars of the arrangements for-

(i) Refuse Collection.	House refuse. Collected weekly by two covered motor vehicles. Nightsoil is collected weekly into a covered tank on a motor vehicle.
(ii) Refuse Disposal	House refuse:- Tip situate at Hollingworth. Nightsoil -emptied direct into the sewer at a convenient part of the district
(iii) Cesspool Cleansing	None.

Sanitary Inspections during 1950-
(including Housing)

No. of premises visited	244	Defects or nuisances:-	
		No. discovered	247
		No. abated	235
No. of Notices served.		Informal	54
		Statutory	1.
Legal proceedings.		No. None. Result.	-

Shops and Offices-

Particulars of any action taken under provisions of-

(a) Shops Act, 1934 and/or Shops Act 1950, relating to ventilation and temperature of shops and sanitary conveniences.	All shops were inspected. No. action necessary. Ventilation temperature and Sanitary conveneinces satisfactory.
(b) Public Health Act, 1936, relating to conditions in offices, i.e., ventilation, sanitary conveniences etc.,	Conditions satisfactory.

Camping Sites (other than Military.) None.

Atmospheric pollution:-

Any special action taken with regard to smoke abatement.	None.
No. of factory and works chimneys in the District	39. (9 not being used).
What is the time limit allowed for the emission of black smoke per hour?	Two minutes in the half hour.
Number of observations taken during year.	12.
Number of legal proceedings and resukts.	None.
Any special action taken with regard to burning spoil banks.	None necessary.
Particulars of any co-operative action with industry.	(i) Regional - None. (ii) District.- None

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Swimming Baths and Pools-

Brief particulars of any:

(a) Public swimming baths or pools.	None. Rochdale County Borough Public baths made use of.
(b) Privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public.	None,
(c) Action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water.	None.

Disinfestation-

Particulars of action taken during 1950:

No of houses found to be infested	(a) Council houses (b) Other houses	Nil 2.
No. of houses disinfested	(a) Council houses (b) Other houses.	Nil 2
Methods employed for disinfestation of houses.	Sprayed with Vermicide and afterwards fumigated with special Fumigators.	
State name of fumigant and/or insecticide used, and efficiency thereof.	Liquid: Cooper's Bed Bug Spray Fumigators: Furmex. Efficient	
Methods employed for ensuring disinfestation of belongings of tenants before removal to council houses.	None necessary.	
Is work of disinfestation carried out by local authority or by a contractor?	Local Authority.	
Measures taken by way of supervision or education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation after cleansing.	None.	

Schools-

Total number of schools in the district. 9.

Sanitary Condition of Schools:-

(a) No. of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces. 2.

(b) Sanitary accommodation. No. of Schools with:

(i) Fresh water closets only. 7.
(ii) Waste Water closets only None
(iii) Trough closets only None
(iv) Pail closets only 2
(v) Privy closets only None.
(vi) Other (state type) None.

(c) Refuse disposal - No. of Schools with-

(i) Dustbins 9 (ii) Dry ashpits None.

(d) Water supply - No. of schools supplied from-

(i) Public mains 9 (ii) Private supplies None.
No. of private supplies (d(ii)) considered unsatisfactory -.

(e) No. of schools where facilities are considered unsatisfactory for (i) washing - None. (ii) Drinking - None

Are the facilities for handling meals at schools considered satisfactory?

8 Schools:- Yes. At the remaining School arrangements have been made at a nearby Methodist Sunday School, Facilities - Satisfactory.

Offensive Trades:-

No. of premises: 3. Type of offensive trades-
1 Fellmonger, 1 Glue maker
1 Soap Boiler.

Any special action taken None.

Factories Act, 1937
Observations on the administration of Part I and VIII of the Act during 1950.
Systematically Inspected. Conditions good.

Common Lodging Houses. No. on register 1.
What is their condition? Good,

Houses let in lodgings. No, on register. None.
What is their condition. Good.

Tents, vans, sheds etc., Action taken None.
Action required None.

Underground Sleeping Rooms Any need for regulations? No.

Canal Boats. Number inspected None.
No, of infringements of Acts. -

Rag Flock Acts, 1911 and 1928.

No. of premises in district in which rag flock is manufactured, used or sold. None.
No. of inspections. -
No, of samples taken. - Results. -.

Notable sanitary improvements during 1950. None.

Chief sanitary requirements of the District.
Extension of sewerage system to outlying parts of the district.

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4. HOUSING

(a) Statistics

	Prefabricated Houses.		Traditional Permanemt Houses.
	Temporary.	Permanent.	
Number of new houses erected during the year.			
(i) By the local authority	None.	None	None.
(ii) By other local authorities	None	None	None.
(iii) By other bodies or persons	None	None	30

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-
   (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 348
   (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose. 444

2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932. None.
   (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. None

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation . ... 1.

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. .... 1.

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice:-
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.

None.

3. Action under statutory powers during the year:-
(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. ... 1.
(2) Number of dwelling houses which, after service of formal notices, were rendered fit.
(a) By owners. ... None.
(b) By local authority in default of owners. None.
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... None.
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
(a) By Owners ... None.
(b) By local authority in default of owners-None.
(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. ... None,
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... None.
(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... None,
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement room having been rendered fit. ... None,

4. Housing Act, 1936. - Part IV- Overcrowding:-
(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. ... 5
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein. ... 6
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 48
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. ... 2
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. ... 8
Number of persons concerned in such cases. ... 66

5. Housing Act, 1949:-
(a) (i) Number of Schemes submitted (a) by private individuals ... 1.
(b) by the local authority ... None
(ii) Number of dwelling houses affected ... 3

5. (b) (i) Number of Schemes approved
(a) of private individuals, ... 1.
(b) of the local authority ... None

(ii) Number of dwelling houses affected ... 3
(iii) Number of additional separate dwellings provided ... 1
(c) Any other action taken (give brief particulars). ... None.

(b) Housing Conditions.

1. General observations as to housing conditions, including the standard of houses, the prevalent types, age and approximate numbers and general soundness of the several types - any information as to prevailing forms of defects and of prevailing bad conditions resulting from overcrowding:

There is a shortage of the two and three bedroomed type of house, and a few four bedroomed type of houses are required.

Approximate number of (a) back-to-back houses 600
back-to-earth houses 62

2. Sufficiency of supply of houses.
(a) Give some indication as to extent of shortage, stating approximate number and type of houses required.
Considerable, 400 chiefly of the two and three bedroomed type.

(b) Particulars of any housing scheme-
(i) in hand at end of year-
Little Clegg Road Housing Estate - 40 Houses
Shore(Private Housing Estate)- 6 houses.

(ii)Contemplated
Laneside Housing Estate - 38 Houses.
Lightowlers (private Housing Estate)- 13 Houses

(c) Information as to any important changes in population during the period under review or anticipated in the future.
None.
(d) Any special difficulties in the way of providing suitable sites for new houses.
No.

3. Overcrowding.
(a) Number of cases of overcrowding in houses owned by the local authority which have been relieved during 1950.
One,
(b) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.
None.
(c) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding e.g., causes -
Overcrowding is chiefly due to either the shortage of houses, or to the inability or unwillingness of families to pay the increased rents of new houses which are being erected.

4. Fitness of houses.
(a) Difficulties found in action under the Public Health Acts or under the Housing Acts.
None.

(b) No. of houses which have not an adequate internal water supply. ... 174

(c) No. of houses which have no separate water closet or other adequate sanitary accommodation.

Reasonable W.C. or pail accommodation throughout the district.

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5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supply - action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949-

No. of registered distributors operating from:-

(a) Own dairies in the district	20
(b) Dairy farms in the district	1
(c) Premises outside the district.	2

The Milk (Special Designation)(Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949-

No. of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the local authority during 1950 in respect of:

("Tuberculin Tested" Milk:
(i) Bottling. None. (ii) Distribution-Two
("Accredited" Milk:
(i) Bottling None. (ii) Distribution-None

The Milk (Special Designation)(Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-

No. of licences issued in respect of "Heat treated" milk.

Pasteurising plants	None.
Sterilising plants.	None.
Retail distributors	
(a) "Pasteurised"	1.
(b) "Sterilised"	25

Any refusal or revocation of licences for graded milk, with reason for the refusal or revocation.

None.

Give brief particulars of any structural alterations or improvements carried out to dairies during the year.

One new dairy erected at a farm.

Action taken by local authority in relation to-

(a) Raw Milk.

(i) Tuberculosis- biological tests.
No. of samples None. No. positive - No. Negative.-.

(ii) Bacteriological examinations.
No. of samples. None. No. satisfactory. - No. Unsatisfactory. -

(iii) Sediment tests
No. of samples. None. No. satisfactory.-. No. unsatisfactory. -

(b) "Heat treated" milk

(i) Phosphatase test. No. of samples. None.
No. satisfactory. - No. unsatisfactory. -

(ii) Turbidity test. No. of samples. None,
No. satisfactory. - No. unsatisfactory. -

(iii) Methylene Blue reduction test. No. of samples. None
No. satisfactory. - No. unsatisfactory. -

(iv) Tuberculosis No. of samples. None.
No. positive. - No. negative. -.

No. of notifications of tuberculous milk forwarded to the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (this will normally be the total of positive samples indicated in parts (a)(i) and (b)(iv) above). ... None.

Results of Ministry investigations during the year arising from notifications by the local authority.-

No. of veterinary inspections	... None.
No. of cases where animals seized under the Tuberculosis Order, 1938.	... None
No. of animals seized	... None.
No. of cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior to investigation.	... None.
No. of cases reported negative, no animals seized.	... None.

2. Meat and other foods.-

(a) Action taken with regard to meat and other foods, including inspection of meat, slaughterhouses, shops stalls and vehicles, and places where food is prepared, with particular reference to restaurant and hotel kitchens and food factories.

All premises where food is prepared, were inspected periodically and the Public Health(Meat) Regulations carried out. Controlled slaughtering carried out at Rochdale. Food stuffs condemned:-
182 lbs. Fish, 34 lbs. Butter, 26 lbs. Bacon.
18 lbs. Cheese. 366 lbs. Dried Fruit,
111 Tins of Meat, Fish, Fruit, Milk etc.,

Number of legal proceedings and result. None.

Action taken with regard to-
(i) Ante-mortem inspection of animals. None,
(ii) Post-mortem inspection of animals. None,
Carcases inspected and condemned: None,
Controlled slaughtering for the area carried out in the County Borough of Rochdale.

(b) Food poisoning (including suspected cases)-
Total number of outbreaks during year(an outbreak being regarded as the whole of the cases either probably or certainly derived from a single contaminating or infecting source). ... None.

3. Adulteration etc, If the local authority is a Food and Drugs Authority, state action taken in respect of-
(i) Food and Drugs Act, 1938.
Under the direction of the County Council.

4. Clean Food Campaigns - Any action taken by the Council during the year. ... None.
Have model bye-laws for the handling etc., of food been adopted? ... No.

5. Action taken under the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Act, 1938, sections 115 and 116 or other relevant legislation.

All premises where licences have been granted under the above Act, have been inspected and found in order. Eight additional licences have been granted during the year.

6. Action taken under the Ice-cream (Heat Treatment, etc,) Regulations, 1947-8.
No. premises registered for the manufacture of Ice-cream.

6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Review the prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases during the year 1950, and give any noteworthy facts as to the source or spread of infection (non-notifiable acute diseases should also be reported upon so far as available information enables this to be done.)

Measles prevalent during the months of July to November (incl) and some Dystentery during the months of July and August. There were a considerable number of cases of Chicken Pox during the months of January and February. The cases of Whooping Cough were spread over the months of January to August (incl). Other diseases:- very few during the year.

State whether the following diseases were compulsorily notifiable in your district during 1950, and, if so, state for what period.

Diarrhoea (under 2 years) No. Chicken pox No
Any others. None.

Observations -

Disinfection after infectious diseases:-

No. of houses disinfected during 1950. ... 12
Method (state disinfectant used) . Spraying and Fumigating with Formaldehyde.

Apparatus used for disinfecting clothing, bedding etc., (Steam or otherwise). ... As above.

Where is apparatus situated? ... -

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1950
(after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital).

Notifiable Diseases	Total Cases at all ages.	Total Cases Notified — Age Periods - Years										Total Deaths	Hospital	
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65 and over	Age unknown		Total cases removed to Hospital from District	Deaths in hospital of persons belonging to the District,
Smallpox	-													
Scarlet Fever	4			3		1							3	
Diphtheria (including membranous croup)	-													
Enteric or typhoid Fever (excluding paratyphoid)	-													
Paratyphoid Fever	-													
Measles Excl. rubella)	44	1	10	15	16	1		1						
Whooping Cough	34	6	14	10	3			1				2	1	1
Acute pneumonia (primary and influenzal)	1			1										
Puerperal pyrexia	-													
Meningococcal infection	-													
Acute poliomyelitis	-													
Paralytic	-													
Non-paralytic	-													
Acute encephalitis	-													
Infective	-													
Post-infectious	-													
Dysentery	31	-	9	15	4			2	1					
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-													
Erysipelas	-													
Malaria Contd. in England Totals.														
Food Poisoning														
Any other diseases notifiable in district. e.g. Chicken pox														
Any other diseases specify.														
Totals.	114	7	33	44	23	2	-	4	1	-	-	2	4	1.

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1950.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
Years.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-								
1-								
2-			1					
5-			1					
10-								
15-								
20-		2		1				
25-	1							
35-								
45-								
55-	1							
65-								
75 and upwards.								
	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
	4		3		Nil		Nil	

What is the ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total tuberculosis deaths? ... NIL

Is there any evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district? ... No.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

Has any action been taken under these Regulations relating to tuberculous employees in the milk trade?

No action necessary.

Public Health Act, 1936.

Has any action been taken under section 172, Public Health Act, 1936?

None.

If so number of applications for Orders for compulsory removal to hospital . - No. cases in which orders were granted. -
Observations -

Signed. J.T.R. MacGill.
April 18th 1951 Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1950

CAUSES OF DEATHS		MALES	FEMALES
All Causes		79	85
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System		-	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis		-	-
3. Syphilitic disease		1	1
4. Diphtheria		-	-
5. Whooping Cough		1	1
6. Meningococcal infections		-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis		-	-
8. Measles		-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases		-	-
10. All forms of cancer		9	6
11. Leukaemia, aleukaemia		-	1.
12. Diabetes		1	1.
13. Vascular lesions of nervous system		3	6
14. Coronary disease, angina		10	3
15. Hypertension with heart disease		2	1.
16. Other heart disease		16	32
17. Other circulatory disease		1	3
18. Influenza		1	1
19. Pneumonia		4	1
20. Bronchitis		15	12
21. other diseases of respiratory system		1	1
22. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum		-	1
23. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		2	-
24. Nephritis and nephrosis		-	2
25. Hyperplasia of prostate		1	-
26. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.		-	-
27. Congenital malformations		-	1
28. Other defined and ill-defined diseases		9	8
29. Motor vehicle accidents		-	-
30. All other accidents		2	1
31. Suicide		-	2
32. Homicide and operations of war		-	-
Deaths of Infants under 1 year. -	Total	5	3
	Legitimate	4	3
	Illegitimate	1	-
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age -	Total	3	2
	Legitimate	3	2
	Illegitimate	-	-
Live Births -	Total	84	90
	Legitimate	78	84
	Illegitimate	6	6
Still Births -	Total	3	4
	Legitimate	3	4
	Illegitimate	-	-

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL

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in respect of the

YEAR 1950

For the Urban District of Littleborough in the County of Lancashire.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.)

Premises	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	14	32	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	94	127	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	108	159	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars,	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred To. H.M. Inspector.	Referred By. H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness S.1. Overcrowding S. 2. Unreasonable Temp. S. 3. Inadequate Ventilation S. 4. Ineffective drainage of floors S. 6 Sanitary conveniences. S.7. (a) insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective (c) Not separate for sexes. Other offences against the Act, (not including offences relating to outwork)	4	4		4	
TOTAL	4	4	NIL	4	NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Sections, 110 and 111

Nature of Work.	Section110			Section 111.		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect.110 (1)(c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Wearing Apparel. (Making etc.,	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Signed.

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Date. April 18th 1951.